child labour problem are being assisted by the ILO's initiative called Child Labour Action & Support Programme. In September, 1994, the National Authority for the Elimination of Child Labour was constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Labour. The Authority has adopted a plan of action titled "Identification, Release and Rehabilitation of Child Labour" to tackle the problem of child labour in the country. briefly it calls for a converagence of services and schemes of the Central and State Governments at the implementing level the District — to effectively handle the child labour elimination effort.

In addition, to safeguard the interests of children, there are protective provisions in various Labour Laws as well, such as the Factories Act, 1948, the Mines Act, 1952, the Motor Transport (Workers) Act, 1961 etc. The approach of the Government is to implement all the child related provisions of the Laws in a harmonious fashion. Enforcement machinery at the Central and State level exist to enforce the provisions of these Acts. Employers are liable to be prosecuted for violations of the provisions of the Acts. Enforcement personnel are being given special training for better enforcement of these laws.

ESI hospitals in Andhra Pradesh

928. SHRI T. VENKATARAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present Employees State Insurance Hospitals in Andhra Pradesh are sufficient to meet the health needs of the workers in the State;

(b) if not, whether Government propose to open some more ESI Hospitals in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the allocations likely to be made by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) There are eight ESI hospitals functioning in the state of Andhra Pradesh. Wherever necessary, beds have also been reserved in other hospitals for providing adequate indoor treatment to Insured Persons. Mean-while the ESI Corporation has decided to construct three hospitals i.e. one each at Nacharam, Tirupati and Nizamabad. For construction of these hospitals the Corporation has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1904 74 lakhs.

Persons registered with employment exchanges in Delhi

929. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of post graduate persons registered with the employment exchanges in the country, particularly in Delhi during the last three years;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons given employment during the year 1993-94 and how many persons will be provided jobs during the period 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Available information is contained in the statement. (*See* below).

(c) The number of persons placed in employment during 1993-94 and 1994-95 is furnished below:

(In thousands)

Year	All India	Delhi
1993-94	222.6	14.9
1994-95 (April-December, 94)	157.7	11.1

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Number of Registrations made by the employment exchanges

(In thousands)

Year	All India				Delhi			
	Graduates		Post graduates		Graduates		Post-graduates	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
1990	669.4	189.1	117.6	46.6	26.0	11.3	3.7	2.2
1991	608.7	176.2	109.9	42.8	17.6	7.5	2.9	1.4
1992	565.1	182.5	116.9	46.2	22.8	11.5	5.5	3.2

Representation against anti-tabacco legislation from Andhra Pradesh beedi workers

930. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from Andhra Pradesh beedi workers against anti-tobacco legislation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any enumeration has been done of the beedi workers who will be made surplus by anti-beedi legislation?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have received a number of representations from Beedi Workers from Andhra Pradesh expressing apprehensions about the impact on employment due to the proposed legislation by the Ministry of Health.

(c) No, Sir. At no stage, a ban on the sale of tobacco products is contemplated except in the vicinity of educational institutions and hospitals. As such, it is felt that the proposed legislation may not significantly affect employment situation in beedi industry for the present.

Welfare schemes for tribal tendu leaf collectors

931. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to include tribal tendu leaf collectors in the labour welfare schemes; and

(b) if so, the number of tendu leaf collectors identified in Andhra Pradesh for implementing social and labour welfare for their benefit?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) There is no proposal to include tribal tendu leaf collectors under the ongoing welfare schemes of the Ministry of Labour.

(b) Does not arise.